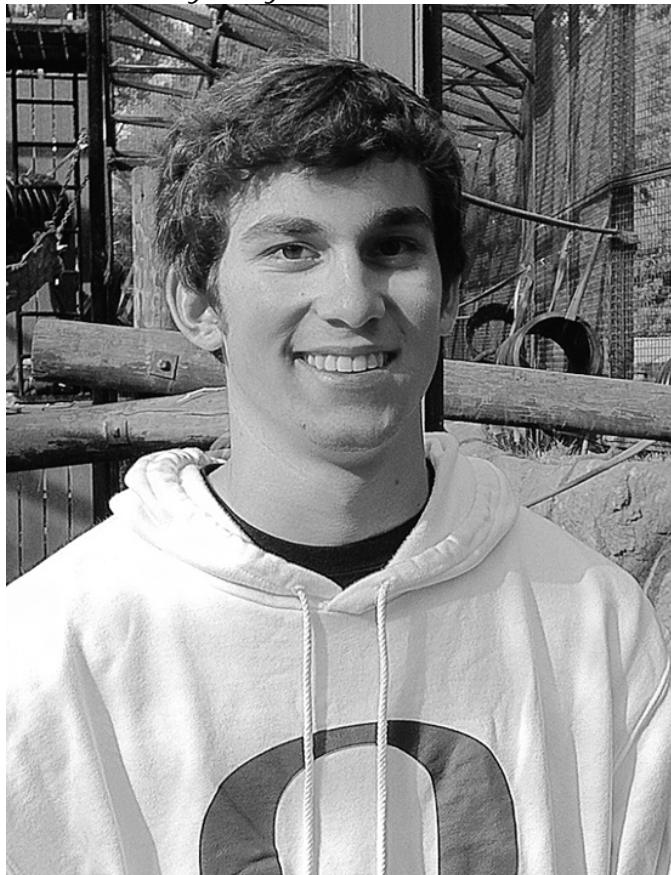


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Weekend Leadership Seminar for Sophomores Inspires Hundreds

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More than 100 sophomores from various high schools throughout Northern California were invited to attend the annual Northern California Youth Leadership Seminar (NCYLS) program May 25-27 at Menlo College in Atherton, California, including Mitchell Carlson from Campolindo High School and Elliot Alper from Miramonte.

NCYLS is a non-profit 501(c)3 volunteer-run organization that hosts a free three-day seminar for students who have demonstrated leadership potential in their high school. The seminar focuses on developing critical thinking, communication, and responsibility, while cultivating leadership.

Annually, each Northern California high school nominates and sends one student to the seminar. During the weekend, the students stayed at Menlo College and interacted with like-minded sophomore leaders and learned from community leaders in politics, business, media, education, high-tech, and other industries.

After the seminar, the sophomores are challenged to participate in the President's Volunteer Service Award, by completing 100 hours of community service the following year. To date, NCYLS alumni have logged more than 10,000 hours of service throughout California. Alumni have also initiated civic organizations, such as Students Against Violence, Key Clubs, Juniorettes, Peer Counseling Groups, and Students Against Drunk Driving.



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